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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 23, 2008, please amend the application identified above as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.